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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire's Center for Family Business begins a new year of Leadership Development Program classes Jan. 31 at the New England Center on campus in Durham.

The intensive course, taught by Whittemore School of Business and Economics faculty, consists of eight full-day sessions over 12 months. It is intended to develop leadership skills for managers or aspiring managers of family-owned businesses. Among other skills, graduates learn team-building, how to manage organizational change, and to recognize their own and others' leadership styles. Small group discussion is centered around "real life issues," according to Barbara Draper, center director.

A recent graduate, Mike Donati from Beswick Engineering in Greenland, said of his experience, "I've often thought that the term "leadership" is overused, but I have found and the class reinforces that inspired leadership is critical to successful organizations."

The mission of UNH's Center for Family Business, founded in 1993, is to assist the entrepreneurial family in finding solutions to business challenges and concerns. The center helps families run successful meetings, bring family members into the business, improve communication, sustain profitability, and transfer leadership and ownership. The center is sponsored by MassMutual Insurance; Fleet Bank; Cleveland, Waters and Bass; Berry, Dunn, McNeil and Parker; and Genus Resources.

For leadership course registration and fee information call (603) 862-1107.

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